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Gary D. Hodgen et al.

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For: CONTROL OF SELECTIVE ESTROGEN

RECEPTOR MODULATORS

Examiner: R. S. Travers

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2006, issued pursuant to the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.